



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka FNU Family,

It's good to be back with you after my leave. I want to sincerely acknowledge Professor Nii-K Plange for very ably running the fort in my absence, and the Senior Leadership Team for their support and guidance during this time. I also thank all our staff and students for the work you continue to do every day. I must thank the FNU Council as well for allowing my leave after almost a decade of service at the FNU. Vinaka Vakalevu!!!

Vinaka to the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) team for a successful Internship Fair last week. To our students who sat their exams last week, you have done well to reach this first milestone in the semester. Keep up the good work!

We are now beginning a new month - September! This will be a very interesting and exciting one for FNU. There is much to look forward to, starting with the 2025 Research Symposium on Loss and Damage in PSIDS from 16–18 September in Savusavu. This is co-Sponsored by the SPC with the Government of Denmark and the FNU PACT.

This will be followed by the Pacific Indigenous & Traditional Knowledge (ITK) Conference from 22–25 September. This is held at the FNU Bonunaqwele,

NADI Campus. This is co-sponsored by the World Bank, the SPC and the FNU. The partnerships also involve the iTaukei Affairs Ministry, the Fiji GCC and Nadave Training Centre.

Both events will address our KPIs as well as bring fresh ideas and meaningful discussions for us all, as we continue to learn from each other, strengthen our partnerships, and contribute to the growth of knowledge in our region.

September will close with the 2025 Alumni Grand Fundraiser Ball on the 26th of the month at the Sheraton Hotel in Nadi. Every ticket sold will go towards helping a student in need, by supporting scholarships, meals, and other essentials. I invite all our Alumni and Partners to be part of this event and help CONTINUE to make a difference in the lives of our students. More details are shared on FNU's social media platforms.

Wishing our FNU Vuvale and our Partners a Blessed and Fulfilling week!

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